

Board of Commissioners  
September 18, 2007 – 2:32 pm

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Ambulance

Murray Stout with Spencer County Ambulance asked the commissioners to request an additional for a new ambulance to replace a unit with 220,000 miles. The lease payments will be approximately \$31,500 each year for five years. Gogel made a motion to request an additional of \$31,500 out of Cum Cap. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Lueken explained that in order for Stout to be able to request proposals instead of sealed bids, an ordinance needs to be passed amending the ordinance that established the counties purchasing rules and policies. The amendment raises the purchase limit amount to \$150,000 before sealed bids must be requested. Logsdon made a motion to pass Ordinance 2007-13. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

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#### EPA Grant

Indiana 15 requested the commissioners sign a letter of support to receive an EPA Community Wide Assessment Grant for Hazardous Substances. Gogel made a motion to sign the letter of support. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

#### Dillingham Proposal

At the last Commissioners meeting it was decided to accept the proposal from Dillingham for preventive maintenance in the jail. Logsdon made a motion to sign and accept. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

#### Swimming Pool Letter

Lueken and Inspector Bender presented the commissioners with a draft of a letter to be sent to county residents who are in violation of code by not having a fence around in ground pools. Logsdon made a motion to authorize Inspector Bender to send the proposed letter when necessary. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

#### Burn Ban

Perdue asked the commissioners if the burn ban was still in effect. The commissioners agreed that it is still too dry to lift the ban.

#### Old Jail

Perdue asked about the status of the use of the old jail. Rininger stated that the Rockport Plan Commission has still not acted.

#### Sheriff's Department Christmas Party

Rininger stated that he received a letter from Bob Duley, Chaplain of the Spencer County Sheriff's Department, asking for permission to use the courthouse after hours on December 4<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> for a Christmas Dinner. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

#### Weed Complaint

Rininger stated that Solid Waste went by the Villa Ova Property and removed the bags of trash. Rininger explained that the home is being foreclosed on and going back to the bank. Auditor Shelton stated that the bank was not local and a certified letter was sent to the owner giving her five days to mow, or the county will, and the cost will be added to the taxes. Lueken suggested Shelton also send the letter to the bank of record. Rininger directed Shelton to find someone to mow when the time expires.

#### Legal Report

Insurance - Lueken and Deputy Auditor Graham met with a representative of MIA, the company that handles the insurance on the buildings for the county. After the discussion from the last meeting, MIA was asked if a certified appraiser or Universal Design would have to be used to get a cost estimate for the courthouse and the jail or if estimates from new buildings in regional counties could be used. Lueken and Graham were told that MIA needs certified numbers. Gogel asked if using certified numbers will guarantee that the county will receive the certified amount. Graham stated that MIA said yes. Gogel asked what the cost would be for an appraiser. Graham stated that Universal will do both buildings for \$1,800, and she was not sure how much an appraiser would charge. Logsdon made a motion to table until quotes could be obtained from some appraisers. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Pending Litigation – Lueken stated that a dismissal without prejudice was signed releasing the county from the law suit involving Gohmann Construction.

Midway Paving Bid – Lueken stated that since the county has been released from the law suit, the county can accept the low bid submitted by Gohmann which was tabled at the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Logsdon made a motion to award Gohmann the bid for the Midway Paving Project for \$47,850.20. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Building Complaint – Lueken discussed a complaint received about the building owned by James R. and Rita L. Hunchman, located at 4165 N. SR 161, formerly known as Stoney's Tavern. Lueken stated that in the past the first step has been to send the building inspector to inspect the building and report back to the commissioners. Gogel made a motion to have Bender inspect the building. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse Panic Buttons

Rininger stated that a letter was received from Secure Tech Systems who installed the panic buttons in the courthouse, and the two year warranty is about to expire. Secure Tech Systems has given a proposal to replace the batteries in both the main unit and in each transmitter for a cost of \$1,050.50. Logsdon made a motion to accept the proposal and request the additional from Cum Cap. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Highway Report

Dump Truck - Highway Superintendent Painter stated that all of the dump trucks are now in and Sternberg needs to be paid.

Easements – Painter spoke with Dubois County Highway Department about a county line road and coordinating work done by both counties. Painter discussed the procedure Dubois County goes through when a road is upgraded to a chip and seal road or paved road. They have the land owners sign a legal document giving the county a wider easement enabling them to come back in later for road maintenance. Lueken stated he will contact Dubois County for a sample of the document for him to review.

Hatfield Festival – Painter stated that some people in Hatfield have asked for the road in the middle of town to be closed during the Hatfield Festival and for the use of the counties barricades with flashing lights. Painter asked if the use of the county barricades opened the county up to a liability issue. Logsdon made a motion to close the road during the festival and allow use of the barricades. Gogel seconded. All in favor. Logsdon directed Lueken to research the issue for the future.

Engineer Report

Orchard Road – Engineer Lloyd stated she will be meeting with David Lauer of URL regarding the easements for the Orchard Road Project.

Ramey Riding Stables – Lloyd stated she received a call from Ramey Riding Stables and they were extremely grateful for the road closing during their riding event.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Prosecutor Dartt presented the commissioners with a list of recommendations for the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Five are appointed by virtue of the office which they hold and eleven are appointed for terms of four years. The list is as follows:

1. County Sheriff	Kermitt Lindsey
2. Prosecuting Attorney	Jon Dartt
3. Office of Family & Children	Connie Branch
4. Municipal Executive	Beth Packer
5. Judge	Wayne Roell
6. Public Defender	Eric Ayer
7. Victim or Victim Advocate	Becky Kramer
8. Ex-offender (not required)	none at this time
9. County Council Member	Blake Bunner
10. Probation Officer	Maralee Ruark
11. Educational Administrator	Kevin Hunter
12. Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Physician	Dr. Lloyd McGinnis
13. Four Lay Persons (including one minority)	Fella Jones Mike Toler Robert Lindsey Trisha Dugas

Dartt stated that he hopes to present the commissioners the budget for approval next month. Logsdon made a motion to approve the list of recommendations for the Community Corrections Advisory Board. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

EMA Reimbursement Grant

The EMA Reimbursement Grant was given to the commissioners to sign which reimburses a portion of the salaries and other costs of the EMA office. Gogel made a motion to sign. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

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Bid Opening – CR 850W / 900W

Lloyd stated that the engineer estimate for the CR 850W / 900W project is \$252,360. Lueken opened and read the bids as follows:

E & B Paving	\$217,900.00
Gohmann Construction	\$216,682.00
Metzger Construction	\$206,706.00
J.H. Rudolph	\$199,371.00

Rininger asked if there were any public comments. There were none. After review, Lloyd recommended the bid be awarded to J.H. Rudolph. Logsdon made a motion to award the bid to J.H. Rudolph for \$199,371. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

EDA Corridor Study

Tom Utter of the LEDC told the commissioners that the county was awarded a Federal EDA Grant for a corridor study from the Natcher Bridge to I-64.

Vectren Pole Replacement Project

Painter stated that he has discussed the estimate for the road repair with Vectren but he has not heard back from them again.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Gogel seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 pm.

Board of Commissioners,

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Attest:	
_____ Cindy Shelton, Auditor	_____

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